

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA HELD ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006, AT 7:15 P.M. IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS, MONTGOMERY COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, 755 ROANOKE STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA:

PRESENT:	Steve L. Spradlin	-Chair
	Mary W. Biggs	-Vice Chair
	Gary D. Creed	-Supervisors
	Doug Marrs	
	John A. Muffo	
	Annette S. Perkins	
	James D. Politis	
	B. Clayton Goodman, III	-County Administrator
	L. Carol Edmonds	-Assistant County Administrator
	Martin M. McMahon	-County Attorney
	T.C. Powers	-Planning Director
	Steve Sandy	-Zoning Administrator
	Robert C. Parker	-Public Information Officer
	Karen Edmonds	-Human Resource Director
	Daisy Heredon	-Benefits Coordinator
	Vickie L. Swinney	-Secretary, Board of Supervisors

### **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Chair called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Rezoning Request – Straford Group, Inc. (Agent: Roberts Engineering, Inc.)

**Stratford Group, Inc. (Agent: Roberts Engineering, Inc.) request to rezone approximately 21.9 acres from Agriculture (A-1) to Residential (R-1), with possible proffered conditions, to allow the development of 14 single family detached dwellings.** The property is located on the north side of Prices Fork Road (State Rte 685) and to the east of Stratford View Drive and is identified as Tax Parcel Nos. 52-A-16, 18, 22 (Acct ID # 013794) in the Prices Fork Magisterial District (District E). The property currently lies in an area designated as Prices Fork Village in the Comprehensive Plan.

The Zoning Administrator provided a brief summary. This request is to rezone the remaining 21.9 acres, Phase IIIB, in the Sterling Manor Subdivision. The property is an expansion of the existing Sterling Manor Subdivision. The property is also located in an area designated as future residential in the Prices Fork Village Plan.

At their February 8, 2006 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval subject to the following proffered conditions:

1. Walkway or pedestrian paths through the common area will connect to the two new cul-de-sacs. A walkway of pedestrian path will be constructed from Future Street B to Price Fork Road. Walkway or pedestrian paths shall consist of a six-foot wide, four-inch thick, fine grade stone pathway. Construction of the walkway or pedestrian paths will be completed prior to completion of roadway in area proposed for rezoning.
2. Easements for placements of possible future sanitary sewer and possible sanitary sewer pump station will be provided on the subdivision plat.
3. Provide public water mains and water service to all lots in Phase III.
4. Existing pond in center of Phase III will remain as an aesthetic feature and may be improved to function also as a stormwater management facility.
5. Stratford View Drive through Phases I and II of Sterling Manor will be accepted into the VDOT maintenance program prior to beginning construction of Phase III.

Supervisor Politis expressed concern with only one entrance road into the subdivision. In the future could another access road be constructed off Prices Fork Road? The Zoning Administrator explained that there could be future entrances, however, at the present time the applicants felt that one entrance off Prices Fork Road onto Stratford View Drive would be feasible.

Supervisor Spradlin expressed concern with the concept design plan that has each phase of the subdivision having dead-end roads with cul-de-sacs. This is especially a concern for fire and rescue access. Is it possible to connect the cul-de-sacs? The Zoning Administrator explained the design layout included a natural drainage flow where the cul-de-sac will be constructed and to keep natural vegetation. He also reported that there would be emergency access to the proposed subdivision.

John Christman, Roberts Engineering, Inc. addressed questions by the Board. Mr. Christman noted there is a significant hollow between the two cul-de-sacs and they wanted to keep the natural drainage flow. It is feasible to connect the two cul-de-sacs; however, there would be a major grade concern.

There being no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Entitled Zoning, Section 10-24

**An ordinance amending Chapter 10, Entitled, Zoning, Section 10-24 of the Code of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, by allowing for low density suburban residential uses in the village expansion and residential transition areas to be zoned Residential (R-1) when the area is only served by water or sewer but not both.**

The Zoning Administrator provided a brief summary of the proposed amendment. The new comprehensive plan for the County includes village expansion areas. The intent is to have more density residential housing in the village area to create less of a sprawl throughout areas in the County. Staff determined that it would be beneficial to allow areas zoned R-1 to be served by water or sewer but not both. This would allow for more housing in the village expansion areas.

There being no speakers, the public hearing was closed.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS**

Angie Vaughn addressed the Board about the lack of proper facilities at the Auburn Middle School. The old elementary school was converted into a middle school and built to hold 250 students, currently there are 300 students in the middle school. The students have to leave the school in order to take gym classes and elective classes at Auburn High School. They also have numerous mobile units in order to accommodate all the students. The students at Auburn Middle School need a new facility and Ms. Vaughn urged the Board to include this in the capital needs list.

Kristen Snyder, a student at Auburn Middle School, urged the Board to continue funding the Gifted Education classes to insure that these classes will be offered. Ms. Snyder also provided reasons for a new middle school. One major problem is the noise level throughout the school, as the walls don't go all the way to the ceilings. Another one is lack of space. There are only 13 classrooms in the building, with eight mobile units. Ms. Snyder also emphasized the lack of a gym. Students have to use the high school gym and if there is inclement weather there are two classes using the gym at the same time. She urged the Board to take into consideration her concerns about noise, space, lack of lockers, and lack of a gym and fund a new middle school.

Carolyn Jones asked the Board to fully fund the School Board's budget as submitted. Ms. Jones also requested the Board fund the School's capital projects. She believes there are four major capital school projects, two of which are in the Riner strand. The children in the Riner area are as deserving of new school facilities as their counter parts throughout the County. She urged the Board to find a solution to the problem.

There being no further speakers, the public address session was closed.

## **DELEGATION**

### **Virginia Cooperative Extension – Quarterly Report**

Michelle Adcock, Extension Agent Unit Coordinator, and Barry Robinson, Horticulture Agent, presented the Montgomery County Extension Agent's Quarterly Report for October – December 2005.

Mr. Robinson also reported in conjunction with America's 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jamestown, the Virginia Cooperative Extension has developed the America's Anniversary Garden. They have developed two signature gardens with red, white, and blue schemes. The designs are to help individuals, communities, and groups display the colorful theme in 2006 and 2007.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda dated February 27, 2006 was approved.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Steve L. Spradlin	

## **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously, the minutes dated January 9, 2006, January 23, 2006 and February 6, 2006 were approved.

### **A-FY-06-75 DCJS GRANT**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the function and in the amount as follows:

521 DCJS Assessment of Juvenile Justice Systems	\$50,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
424401 State Grants	\$50,000

Said resolution appropriates grant funds for the DCJS Assessment of Juvenile Justice Systems to Maximize Effectiveness of Resources grant.

**A-FY-06-76**  
**TWO FOR LIFE FUND ALLOCATION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the function and in the amount as follows:

331 Fire and Rescue Grants-Two for Life	\$51,493
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
23312-424401 Two for Life	\$51,493

Said resolution appropriates funds received from the Two for Life program for use by Volunteer Rescue Squads.

**A-FY-06-77**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the function and in the amount as follows:

910 Metropolitan Planning Organization	\$276
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>	
02-451203 Undesignated Fund Balance	\$276

Said resolution appropriates the County's share of local funding for the Metropolitan Planning Organization.

**A-FY-06-78**  
**SHERIFF**  
**PROJECT LIFESAVER**  
**RECOVERED COSTS**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the function and in the amount as follows:

321	Sheriff – Grants	\$225
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows:

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
424401	Project Lifesaver	\$225

Said resolution appropriates recovered costs for Project Lifesaver.

**A-FY-06-79**  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
**TECHNOLOGY DRIVE EXTENSION**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia that the General Fund was granted an appropriation in addition to the annual appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, for the function and in the amount as follows:

810	Economic Development	\$25,000
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The source of the funds for the foregoing appropriation is as follows

<u>Revenue Account</u>		
02- 451203	Undesignated Fund Balance	\$25,000

Said resolution appropriates fund balance to cover a portion of the costs associated with the Technology Drive road extension.

**R-FY-06-115**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2006**  
**AS PURCHASING MONTH IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The purchasing and materials management professions play a significant role in the efficiency and effectiveness of both government and business; and

WHEREAS, Purchasing and materials professionals, through their combined purchasing power, spend billions of dollars every year and have a significant influence upon economic conditions throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing, Inc. (NIGP), the Virginia Association of Governmental Purchasing (VAGP) and other professional purchasing associations throughout the world engage in special efforts, during the month of March, to inform the public about the importance of the role played by the purchasing profession in business, industry, and government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery Virginia, in recognition of the achievements of purchasing and materials management professionals, does hereby proclaim the month of March 2006 as PURCHASING MONTH, and calls its significance to the attention of all citizens.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors expresses its appreciation to the Montgomery County Purchasing Department for its dedication to promoting ethics in public purchasing and saving tax dollars through economical buying.

**R-FY-06-116**  
**VACATION AND RELOCATION OF**  
**PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT**  
**BETWEEN LOTS 540 AND 541**  
**IN THE BLACKSBURG COUNTRY CLUB**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Lot Line Adjustment Plat of Lots 540 and 541 of Blacksburg County Club Estates Section III requests the vacation and relocation of a 20' public utility easement on behalf of the landowners, Ronnie P. Bland and Paul E. Bland; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2270 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, permits the Board of Supervisors to vacate and relocate public utility easements upon request of the landowners involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the Lot Line Adjustment Plat of Lots 540 and 541 of Blacksburg County Club Estates Section III (Balzer and Associates, Inc. Job No. B0610009.00 dated January 19, 2006) for Tax Parcels Nos. 56-3-540 and 541 (Acct ID# 001885 and 001886) in the Mt. Tabor Magisterial District.

FURTHER, The Subdivision Agent is hereby authorized to sign said plat for recordation.

**R-FY-06-117**  
**VACATION AND RELOCATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY**  
**AMONG LOTS 11,12,13,21 AND 22 OF**  
**STERLING MANOR SUBDIVISION PHASE II**

On a motion by James D. Politis, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Plat Showing Lot Line and Right-of-Way Revisions for Lots 11, 12, 13, 21 and 22 of Sterling Manor Subdivision Phase II requests the vacation and relocation of a 50' Street Right-of-Way on behalf of landowners, Mark & Jayne Mathena, Andrew & Amy Ankrum, Deborah Echols & Robert Chiles, Koruth and Jolly Chacko and Stratford Group Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.2-2270 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, permits the Board of Supervisors to vacate and relocate public rights-of-way upon request of the landowners involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the Plat Showing Lot Line and Right-of-Way Revisions for Lots 11, 12, 13, 21 and 22 of Sterling Manor Subdivision Phase II (Draper Aden Associates Project No. 7137-10B dated February 15, 2006) for Tax Parcels Nos. 52-11-11, 12, 13, 21 and 22 (Acct ID# 110053, 110054, 110055, 110063 and 110064) in the Prices Fork Magisterial District.

FURTHER, The Subdivision Agent is hereby authorized to sign said plat for recordation.



## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ORD-FY-06-20**

#### **AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE F-2 PRECINCT POLLING PLACE FROM KIPPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 2801 PRICES FORK ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA, TO THE BLACKSBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCATED AT 3109 PRICES FORK ROAD IN THE TOWN OF BLACKSBURG, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by John A. Muffo and carried unanimously,

BE IT ORDAINED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the F-2 Precinct Polling Place shall be amended and re-ordained as follows:

#### **VOTING PRECINCT F-2**

Beginning at the intersection of Stroubles Creek with the U.S. 460 Bypass. Thence southeasterly with the U.S. 460 Bypass to a point where a farm road passes under U.S. 460 Bypass in a culvert. This culvert is located approximately 2,500 feet southeast of the intersection of U.S. 460 Bypass and South Gate Drive. Thence from this point in a southwesterly, thence westerly, thence southwesterly direction with an unnamed tributary to its confluence with Stroubles Creek. Thence in a southwesterly direction with Stroubles Creek to its intersection with Merrimac Road (State Route 657). Thence in a northerly, thence westerly, thence northerly direction with Merrimac Road to its intersection with Prices Fork Road (State Route 685). Thence in an easterly direction with Prices Fork Road to its intersection with Old Mill Road; thence in a northeasterly, thence northwesterly direction with Old Mill Road until it becomes a trail; thence continuing in a northwesterly, thence northeasterly direction with the trail until it intersects an unnamed tributary flowing westward from Blacksburg. Thence in an easterly direction up the unnamed tributary to its intersection with the U.S. 460 Bypass. This point of intersection is located approximately 1,000 feet north of the U.S. 460 Bypass interchange with Prices Fork Road. Thence in a southerly, thence southeasterly direction with the U.S. 460 Bypass to its intersection with Stroubles Creek, the point of beginning.

#### **POLLING PLACE:**

~~Kipps Elementary School~~  
~~2801 Prices Fork Road~~  
~~Blacksburg, VA~~

Blacksburg Middle School  
3109 Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, VA

The vote on the foregoing ordinance was as follows:

AYE

Doug Marrs  
Annette S. Perkins  
James D. Politis  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
Mary W. Biggs  
Steve L. Spradlin

NAY

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**R-FY-06-118  
POLICY ON GIFTS AND BEQUESTS  
OF ARTWORK TO THE COUNTY**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, that the Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following Policy on Gifts and Bequests of Artwork to the County of Montgomery, Virginia:

**POLICY ON GIFTS AND BEQUESTS OF ARTWORK  
TO THE COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, VIRGINIA**

When a gift or bequest of artwork or related items are proposed designating the County of Montgomery, Virginia ("the County") the recipient, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia, ("Board of Supervisors") shall review the proposed gift or bequest based on the following conditions in deciding whether it is in the best interest of the County to accept the gift or bequest.

**Conditions of Acceptance**

- (1) The Board of Supervisors shall not accept artwork with attached conditions or restrictions except in extraordinary circumstances which shall be noted and approved by the Board of Supervisors in advance of the acceptance of the artwork.
- (2) The County reserves the right, at the County's sole discretion, to select the location, placement, removal and relocation of the artwork. The Board of Supervisors shall give consideration to the requests of the donor.

- (3) The Board of Supervisors is under no obligation to accept any offer to gift or bequest artwork which the Board of Supervisors deems to not be in the best interest of the County to display on County property.
- (4) No artwork shall be accepted for display on County property if ownership of the artwork or ownership of the copyright for the artwork is in question. The donor of the artwork shall provide proof of ownership of the artwork and of ownership of the copyright in the artwork and to the satisfaction of the County show that ownership and the copyright to the artwork can be assigned to the County.
- (5) As a condition of acceptance of the artwork, the donor shall assign to the County all copyrights and ownership of the donor in the artwork.
- (6) Upon acceptance, the artwork shall become the sole property of the County and the County shall not be responsible to the donor or any other person for damage, loss or destruction of the artwork after acceptance by the County.
- (7) Unless otherwise agreed to by the Board of Supervisors, the donor of the proposed artwork shall be required to pay the complete costs associated with the artwork, including but not limited to the costs to design, and construct the artwork including any royalty fees owed the artist for the artwork. Proof shall be provided documenting that all these costs have been paid.

### **Review Process**

- (1) Eligible offers of artwork from artists, owners, businesses, organizations, individuals or other entities shall be submitted in writing by the donor to the County Administrator.
- (2) Eligible offers sent to the County Administrator shall include the following information:
  - a) A letter of intention stating that the donor wishes to donate and bequest artwork to the County.
  - b) A written description of the artwork, including a definition (ie; is it a painting, a sculpture, a photograph, or other); the medium (metal, fiber, glass, oil, mixed media, etc); the date created; the name and resume of the artist (if available) who created the artwork; its dimensions, physical condition and any relevant background information about the artwork and the artist.
  - c) The name, address and phone number of the prospective donor.
  - d) Visual documentation of the artwork.
  - e) Brief explanation why the donor desires to donate the artwork to the County and why the artwork should be displayed on County property.

- f) The donor may be requested to provide additional information verifying originality and legal title to the artwork.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

Gary D. Creed

Doug Marrs

Mary W. Biggs

Annette S. Perkins

James D. Politis

John A. Muffo

Steve L. Spradlin

NAY

None

**R-FY-06-119**

**REQUEST THE MPO TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY  
SOUTHGATE CONNECTOR PARKWAY - PRICES FORK**

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Prices Fork Village Plan calls for retaining the historic, rural nature of the village while accommodating a substantial number of new residents and creating a harmonious pattern of compatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, This preferred future for Prices Fork is threatened by increased traffic growth on Prices Fork Road (SR 685) as evidenced by the Blacksburg / Christiansburg / Montgomery Area MPO traffic volumes of 9,000 vpd west of the forks and 12,560 vpd east of the forks in 2003 projected to increase to 19,200 vpd west and 24,600 vpd east by 2030; and

WHEREAS, The Prices Fork Village Plan envisions a future Southgate Connector Parkway to provide an alternative route for traffic on Prices Fork Road that must now pass directly through the Village of Prices Fork.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby request that the Blacksburg / Christiansburg / Montgomery Area MPO conduct a planning and feasibility study of the proposed Southgate Connector Parkway.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

AYE

James D. Politis  
John A. Muffo  
Gary D. Creed  
Doug Marrs  
Mary W. Biggs  
Annette S. Perkins  
Steve L. Spradlin

NAY

None

Supervisor Muffo asked if there would be a public comment period on the study. The Planning Department reported the feasibility study would be conducted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and they have a public participation policy and they would hold several public hearings on the study. The Planning Director stated he would forward Supervisor Muffo's request to the MPO.

Supervisor Spradlin commented that the MPO needs to make certain it be well known that this connector parkway it is only to be parkway to either bypass Prices Fork Road or to connect to Route 114, and that it will not extend into any other counties.

**R-FY-06-120  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED  
APPLICATION PACKET FOR  
REZONING, SPECIAL USE PERMIT,  
AND/OR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS**

On a motion by John A. Muffo, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The Planning Department and the Planning Commission have revised the existing Application Packet for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and/or Comprehensive Plan Amendments in order to make it easier for the general public to prepare and submit such applications: and

WHEREAS, Section 10-52(1)(c) of the Montgomery County Code, as amended, calls for the Board of Supervisors to approve submission requirements for applications submitted under the Zoning Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of Montgomery County, Virginia does hereby approve the Application Packet for Rezoning, Special Use Permits, and/or Comprehensive Plan Amendments (Revised Jan 2006) as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Gary D. Creed	None
Doug Marrs	
Mary W. Biggs	
Annette S. Perkins	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Steve L. Spradlin	

**R-FY-06-121**  
**PROCLAMATION**  
**“READ ACROSS AMERICA”**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

WHEREAS, The citizens of Montgomery County stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students’ future academic success, their preparation for America’s jobs of the future, and their ability to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County School Board has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the community’s well being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, The National Education Association’s (NEA) “Read Across America”, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our community’s students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Montgomery, Virginia calls on its citizens to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 2, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors enthusiastically endorses NEA’s “Read Across America” and recommits our community to engage in programs and activities to make America’s children the best readers in the world.

The vote on the foregoing resolution was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Doug Marrs	None
Annette S. Perkins	
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Steve L. Spradlin	

### **INTO WORK SESSION**

On a motion by Mary W. Biggs, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby enters into Work Session for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. Human Resources – Wellness Program

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
Annette S. Perkins	None
James D. Politis	
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
Steve L. Spradlin	

### **Proposed Montgomery County Wellness Program**

Montgomery County's Benefits Coordinator presented a report on the proposed wellness program for Montgomery County. The Wellness Program is to adopt a program to develop and encourage healthy lifestyles for employees and to promote better overall health. A wellness program and a Health Reimbursement Arrangement have been shown to slow the constant increase in health care costs for employees and employers. The Wellness Program would include a weight loss and smoking cessation program and also to incorporate disease management, stress management, and education programs as integral parts of the total wellness program.

## **OUT OF WORK SESSION**

On a motion by Doug Marrs, seconded by Mary W. Biggs and carried unanimously,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors ends their Work Session to return to Regular Session.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
James D. Politis	None
John A. Muffo	
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
Annette S. Perkins	
Steve L. Spradlin	

## **COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Delinquent Real Estate Tax Sale** - The next delinquent real estate tax sale is scheduled for April 7, 2006, at the Montgomery County Government Center. There are 15 properties scheduled to be auctioned.

## **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**General Obligation Bonds** The Board requested information concerning legal procedures and requirements in order to hold a referendum on the issuance of general obligation bonds. The County Administrator stated the County Attorney provided a memorandum outlining the procedures and timeframe. The Board directed the County Administrator to include this topic for discussion at a future board meeting.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

**Supervisor Creed School Capital Program** Supervisor Creed commented that all areas of the County are in need of replacement schools. The County and the School Board have been talking about the replacement of the Prices Fork Elementary and Elliston-Lafayette Elementary Schools. With all the attention in the Riner Strand for the request for a new Auburn Middle School, the citizens in Elliston-Lafayette are voicing concern that they may once again be left out in getting a new elementary school. Supervisor Creed wanted to let the citizens in Montgomery County know that there is a dire need for a new Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School. An elementary school serves the most vulnerable of students, kindergarten through fifth grade. The Elliston-Lafayette Elementary School has no gym, they have to go outside when weather permits. Also,



over half of the students are in mobile units located at the school. He also mentioned there are a number of parents that send their children to school outside the County due to the condition of the school. The County is losing money by not getting the State funding per student. Supervisor Creed believes there is a real need in his area for a new school and doesn't want the citizens in the Elliston-Lafayette area to feel they are going to be left out.

**Supervisor Biggs** School Board Meeting and Capital Needs Supervisor Biggs reported that at the last School Board meeting, citizens from the Riner Strand spoke before the School Board about the need for a new Auburn Middle School. Dan Berenato, School Facilities Director, provided the current School Capital Improvement Program list for the School Board members and they proceeded to analyze the most critical needs and moved projects around accordingly.

The School Board also discussed the old Blacksburg Middle School and they are unsure where this issue stands, as it really comes down to Blacksburg Town Council's decision on the rezoning of the property.

Montgomery-Floyd Regional Library Board – The vacancy for a new Library Director is still open. Supervisor Biggs did relay the Board of Supervisors position that the Library Board should be the only ones interviewing. The Library Board assured her that they would be conducting the interviews and making the final decision.

Planning Commission The Planning Commission will be conducting a public hearing on March 15, 2006 on their review of the County's 2006-07 Capital Improvement Program.

**Supervisor Muffo** commented on the school capital needs. He wants to remind everyone that there is the old Blacksburg Middle School that is draining resources from the County. He believes all parties need to unite and develop a plan and move forward.

Art Policy Supervisor Muffo thanked staff for the Art Policy and inquired about the next step in locating the peace sculpture at the government center. The County Administrator explained that the representatives would be contacted for the necessary documentation in order to place a resolution for approval on a future agenda.

**Supervisor Politis** School Capital Needs Supervisor Politis believes that the Board of Supervisors needs to meet and find a solution to all the capital needs for the schools.

Supervisor Biggs suggested a joint meeting be scheduled with the School Board to discuss school capital needs.

Department of Social Services - Supervisor Politis reported that the State Department of Social Services approved Montgomery County's DSS request to be part of the County's Compensation and Classification Plan.

**Supervisor Spradlin** believes there are many capital issues in the County, not just school capital needs, not that schools are not important. He wanted to make it clear that the Board is just in the beginning stages of discussing issuance of general obligation bonds to meet capital needs and this in no way means that the Board will issue bonds. The Board needs to look at all capital projects needs within the County and the Schools.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Annette S. Perkins, seconded by Doug Marrs and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned to Monday, March 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

The vote on the foregoing motion was as follows:

<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>
John A. Muffo	None
Gary D. Creed	
Mary W. Biggs	
Doug Marrs	
Annette S. Perkins	
James D. Politis	
Steve L. Spradlin	

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

APPROVED: _____	ATTEST: _____
Steve L. Spradlin Chair	B. Clayton Goodman, III County Administrator